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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In Dr. John Gofman and Dr. Arthur Tamplin's latest book, "Population Control" Through Nuclear Pollution, there is a reference to a recent article written by you which appeared in the Washington Post. Do you have reprints available of that article and others about the somatic effects of ionizing radiation?

The reason I am asking is that I have been working for an ad hoc group of citizens here in Oregon to get a five-year moratorium on construction of nuclear power plants in the State. Our current efforts are centered on several bills which have been introduced in the state legislature. In our lobbying and testimony before legislative committees, we need all the supporting evidence and opinion that we can find in order to convince wavering legislators of the need for a moratorium. Anything that you can send us will be very valuable in our campaign.

Oregon citizens are now facing long-range plans for construction of twenty one-million kilowatt nuclear plants in the Columbia River Basin over the next twenty years. The first is planned for completion in September of 1974 by Portland General Electric Company. We feel that such hasty development of a potentially very dangerous industry is unwise, especially in view of the fact that much of the electrical energy to be produced by the newly proposed nuclear plants will be used to run additional aluminum reduction plants in the Northwest. Last year alone, the aluminum reduction industry used 39.7% of the total electrical output of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Northwest's federal power marketing agency. The Spokane Reduction Plant alone purchased more electrical energy from BPA than all of Portland General Electric Company, which services half of the Portland metropolitan area. We are up against a plan for industrializing the Northwest which has been imposed on the area by big-money interests from outside the region.

If you can send us any material which will be of aid in presenting our case to the Oregon State Legislature, we would be very grateful.

Sincerely, *Joan M. Reitz*